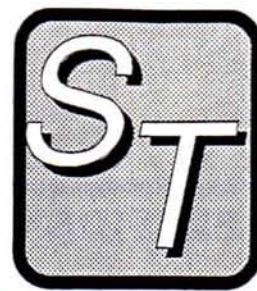




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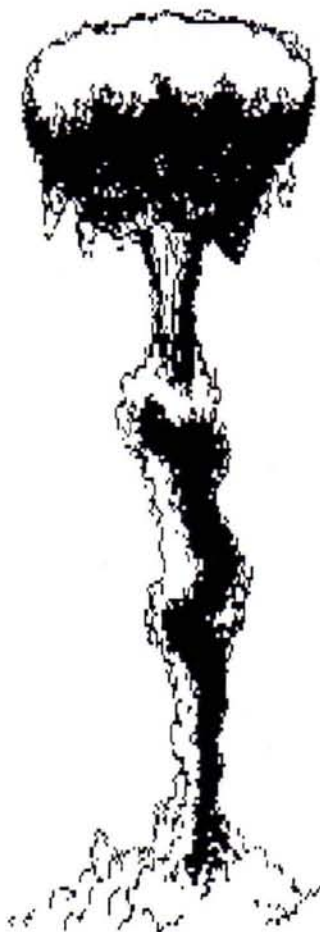
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The Presidents Corner

by Rudy Luna

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EDITORS NOTE

BY MIKE DEMONCH

Sorry about the newsletter being late but this month has been hectic and articles were late getting to me. Next month will be better and the newsletter will be on time.

Thanks for your' patience and again sorry for the delay....

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
TO
ONE
AND
ALL

THE HELP LIST

These are the names and phone numbers of some of our members who have offered to help out other members with programs they use most.....

Richard Maldonado-
275- 1492

Uses alot of different programs and is willing to help with even minor problems..

DB Master One
Dac Easy Accounting
Base Two
Publishing Partner
Solopak Utilities
Degas elite
NeoChrome

Mickey Obermire-
486- 3726

Mainly interested in spreadsheet programs....

A Calc - Swift Calc
Gerald Storvik-
229- 9827

ST Basic - GFA Basic
Mike Thomas-
298- 4767

Will help with Word Writer
ST.....

Thanks Guys.....

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By the second Saturday of the month

Bulliten Board News

by Matt West

The Bulletin Board System (BBS) has been through some rough times over the last few months due to both hardware problems and sysop neglect, but is now back to life and is sporting a new 2400 Baud modem thanks to the members of the Fresno ST user Group! The modem was approved for purchase when the 1200 failed and it was decided that repair could possibly approach the original cost of the modem. So, we decided that it was time to "catch up" to the rest of the speeding ST boards by purchasing a Practical Peripherals 2400SA modem. Hopefully this one will give us a little better service than the Avatex 1200 and will serve our expansion purposes for the next few years as people start to upgrade to the 2400 baud modems. If you haven't looked around at modem prices lately, the 2400 baud modems can be found for around two hundred dollars or less these days which is quite a drop from a year ago when they were four to six hundred dollars. Our modem for example is fully Hays compatible, and has a five year warranty on it

and is a very attractive piece of hardware. In fact, to be quite frank about it, it looks pretty bitchen sitting next to your ST. Oh, by the way, thanks to The Software Review for giving the club a break on the modem, especially Greg and Rudy, who from the beginning have supported this club and have spent countless hours doing what it takes to keep the club going. Thanks Guys. In download news, the new upload sig #4 runneth over with new files and the message base is an extremely cool place to hang out now as the messages range from PC-Ditto, to "how do get rid of Bill Doe". Fascinating. If you haven't stopped in lately, you'll find that the BBS will think you are a stranger because the user log bit the dust of late, so you will have to go through sign up again which only takes a second so stop moaning and PLEASE do it right ie: your real name and address and all that good stuff so I don't have to delete you seventeen times before we get it right. So drop on in soon and don't forget to leave an upload!

System Operators:
Matt West
Mike Thomas

The Treasurers Desk

by Richard Maldonado

As you are all aware by now we have some new officers in the club myself included and as with any change in administration their are the inevitable changes. Well guess what their have been some changes in the way the treasurer of this club will be conducting business as well and I have taken the liberty of listing them here for you for future reference. They are as follows:

Beginning next month you will see a list of all the members who's membership has expired posted in the newsletter along with dates of expiration, additionally the mailing label on your newsletter itself will also have the expiration date of your membership displayed, this will serve as a monthly reminder of your memberships status. When your membership expires you will have two weeks in which to renew before all member privileges are revoked I.E. BBS,newsletter,disk purchases,classified ads ETC. You may remit payment to either the FSTUG mailing address posted on this

newsletter, the President, V.P., Librarian or myself at the meetings or stop by TASCO and see Rudy or Greg. If you pay with cash make sure the officer gives you a receipt. Additionally note that pro-rated payments will no longer be accepted nor will monthly payments for BBS usage for our out of town members. There is also a new price schedule for all P.D. disk as well as the membership fees and corresponding privileges (see below). Also the disk librarian as well as all the other officers of the club will have an updated list of all the members at every meeting displaying their current membership status, your name on the list along with I.D. (drivers lic., membership card etc.) will be required before the Librarian can sell to you at member discount prices. Verification for full BBS access will also be provided to SYSOP from the treasurers desk. As a final note please understand that although some of these changes may appear a little stringent they are necessary in order to protect the integrity of your membership privileges and will help expedite an accurate accounting trail thus making my job a little easier. I hope this clarifies things for you and hope to see

you all at the next meeting. P.S. For direct inquiries call 275-1492

**PUBLIC DOMAIN DISK
PRICE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

**DISK OF THE MONTH
OTHER PD DISK
MEMBER NON-MEMBER**

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| \$4.00 | \$6.00 |
| \$2.00 | \$4.00 |

**BBS USAGE
MEMBER - NON-MEMBER**

35 MIN - 10 MIN
ALL SIGS - SIG 1

**CLASSIFIED ADS
MEMBER NON-MEMBER
FREE \$3.00/MONTH**

**NEWSLETTER
MEMBER NON-MEMBER
FREE \$1.00**

**FRESNO ST USER
GROUP MEMBERS DUE
BY JAN. 1**

FIRST- LAST NAME:

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| Steve Calhoun | Fresno |
| E. Carrillo | Clovis |
| William B. Coit | Kerman |
| Mike demonch | Fresno |
| Robert Dahm | Fresno |
| John Damiano | Madera |
| Ed Deitweiler | Reedley |
| Mike Escobar | Fresno |
| Frank Fleisig | Fresno |
| Emily Gilley | Clovis |
| Dean & Sonya-Goerzen | Fresno |
| Adam Gray | Merced |

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| Stan Halpin | Fresno |
| Evette & Pamela | |
| Hames | Fresno |
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| Matt West | Fresno |

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Richard Maldonado.....

Classified Ads:

Wanted: Interested in obtaining a 20mb Harddrive and a double sided drive for the Atari ST.
 Call Mike at 224-7026.

For Sale: 1978 Honda CX-500 Motorcycle. Low miles, Excellent condition, see to appreciate. 700.00 or best offer.
 Call Mike at 224-7026.

For Sale: Computer Desk with Hutch. Excellent condition, like new, paid 175.00 Sell for 100.00.
 Call Mike at 224-7026.

For Sale: 35mm Vivitar camera. Good condition, with Vivitar Flash.
 Asking 80.00.
 Call Mike at 224-7026.



MIKEY'S COLUMN

by Mike Thomas

The year is 1945, the Nazis may be planning a new counter-offensive against the allied powers and you have been chosen to sabotage the main Nazi force, believed to be hiding in a fortress codenamed Eagle's Nest. Three prior allied soldiers had the same exact mission as yourself and have failed to return. So, in addition to destroying the Nazi fortress, you must also rescue these three POWs before they spill their guts to the dreaded enemy preparing for attack. One more catch added on to your mission: you must save as many art treasures from the fortress you will destroy with explosives as possible!

This is the world of Eagle's Nest, the latest arcade style game from Mindscape Software. Eagle's Nest gives the player an overhead view of his player fighting his way through the Nazi

fortress in search of treasures, prisoners and much needed food and ammunition (most of which the player receives points for). To attain these objects, the player must shoot and kill many Nazi guards, thus lowering his ammunition. In the process he may get shot, wounded and thus loose hit points, which may be regained by eating food. In certain places the player may also run into a key or two, which he may use to open metal gates (wooden ones may be shot down).

Since I have only been playing Eagle's Nest for a couple of days, I really cannot tell you much more about this adventure. To be honest with you, I probably never will, mainly because I became rather bored with Eagle's Nest after the first few hours. However, if you

liked Time Bandits, you may show more enthusiasm over this game than I have. It has a good plot, nice graphics, and maybe the most nicest feature: digitized music, gunfire and fence opening. Overall, if you are willing to stick with a game that may take a couple of weeks to solve, I'm sure you will be a hero held high by the allies (personally, I'm not that patient unless the game is one by Infocom) If not, I recommend a more shallower game like Super Cycle. Gauntlet, which some of you younger people may have seen in the arcades, is soon to be released for the ST. That, in my opinion, would be a much better type of arcade style game simply because it moves along much quicker than does Eagle's Nest.

Mike Thomas

Name: TO THE EAGLES NEST.
Make: Mindscape Software
Price: 39.00



Editors Corner

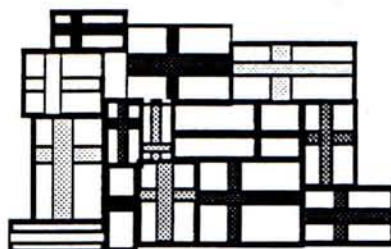
by Mike De Monch

Well, It is that time of the month again and time for my second attempt at writing this newsletter.

This is going to be a busy month for everyone with Christmas and New Years so there will not be a meeting this month but there will be one in January at the usual time and place. So, enjoy the holidays and if you have any questions about the meeting or the like or just need help, call one of us and we will try to help.

Some good news for all you Magic Sac owners is that I finally received the translator from Data Pacific. I am having some problems with it because it was one of the first off the production line, but hopefully will have it up and running by the January meeting so that I can demonstrate it.

Another thing to remember is the classified ad section of the newsletter.



HO HO HO HO!!!!

Remember to check it out and if you are a member of the club, you can place your ads for free. We need to get this section going and if you noticed, all the ads are for myself because nobody else is placing any. Anything that you want to sell, want, or service you want to provide, can be put in this section.

SO REMEMBER THE CLASSIFIED.....

Something else to remember, is to submit articles to the newsletter. Without your support, this newsletter will not support or supply the information that members need. Everybody has something to offer and it will not take that much time to write an article. Any article giving a review of some software, technical help, jokes, clip art, cartoons, or any other subject will be welcome. THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT.....

Well, I guess that is all for now. I hope that this holiday season finds you and your well and happy and may all your wishes and dreams come true.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW
YEAR

MIKE DE MONCH AND
FAMILY.....